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Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation State of Louisiana Post Office Box 44275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: <u>APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING</u>

Smackover C Zone, Reservoir C, and Smackover C Zone of the North Flank; HAYNESVILLE FIELD, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

XTO ENERGY, INC. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Smackover C Zone, Reservoir C, and to the Smackover C Zone of the North Flank, all in the Haynesville Field, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an additional alternate unit well for SMK C RC SUI at the location shown on the attached plat.
- 2. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an alternate unit well for SMK C SUR at the location shown on the attached plat.
- 3. To approve exceptions to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 35-L, effective October 1, 1961 (applicable to the Smackover C Zone of the North Flank), and Office of Conservation Order No. 35-N-2, effective February 24, 1988 (applicable to the Smackover C Zone, Reservoir C), for the proposed location of either of the above described wells which does not comply with the spacing provisions of such Orders.
- 4. To find that each of the proposed wells is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the hydrocarbons underlying the unit on which it is proposed to be drilled which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.
- 5. To permit the operator of these units to produce the unit allowables from either the unit well, any alternate unit well or from any combination of such wells, at the option of the operator.
- 6. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Smackover C Zone of the North Flank of the Haynesville Field, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 35-L, effective October 1, 1961.

The Smackover C Zone, Reservoir C, in the Haynesville Field, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 35-N-2, effective February 24, 1988.

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Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect any such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to compile a list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and attached hereto is a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of the attached plat, is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the attached plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause the Legal Notice to be published in a newspaper published in the general area of Haynesville Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice.

Our check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is

enclosed.

David L. Smelley

Attorney for XTO Energy, Inc.

DLS:dp Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)

Ms. Donna Mullen (w/encls.) Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)

Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

